GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Mid-Day Meal During Summer Vacations
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide Mid-Day Meal in schools even during the summer vacations and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to make ready to eat food items available under the said scheme;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) if not, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): The Mid Day Meal (MDM) Guidelines envisage serving of mid day meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in areas which are formally notified by the concerned State Governments as drought affected. Under the scheme, in addition to regular funding for the year 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 480.91 crore has been released to 12 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh for serving mid day meals during summer vacation in drought affected areas. The State-wise details of additional grant released to drought affected areas of 12 States are given at Annexure.
(b) to (d): As per MDM guidelines, hot cooked meal are served to eligible children. There is no provision in the MDM guidelines to replace the existing hot cooked meal with ready to eat food.
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